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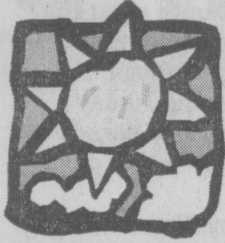
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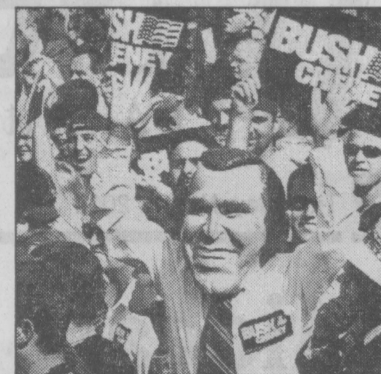
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## On the Capitol Steps

Comedy team satirizes current political scene

by SHALLON JONES  
reporter

Just in time for the presidential election, Capitol Steps enlightened its audience Wednesday night about the serious issues involved in today's politics in a not so serious fashion.

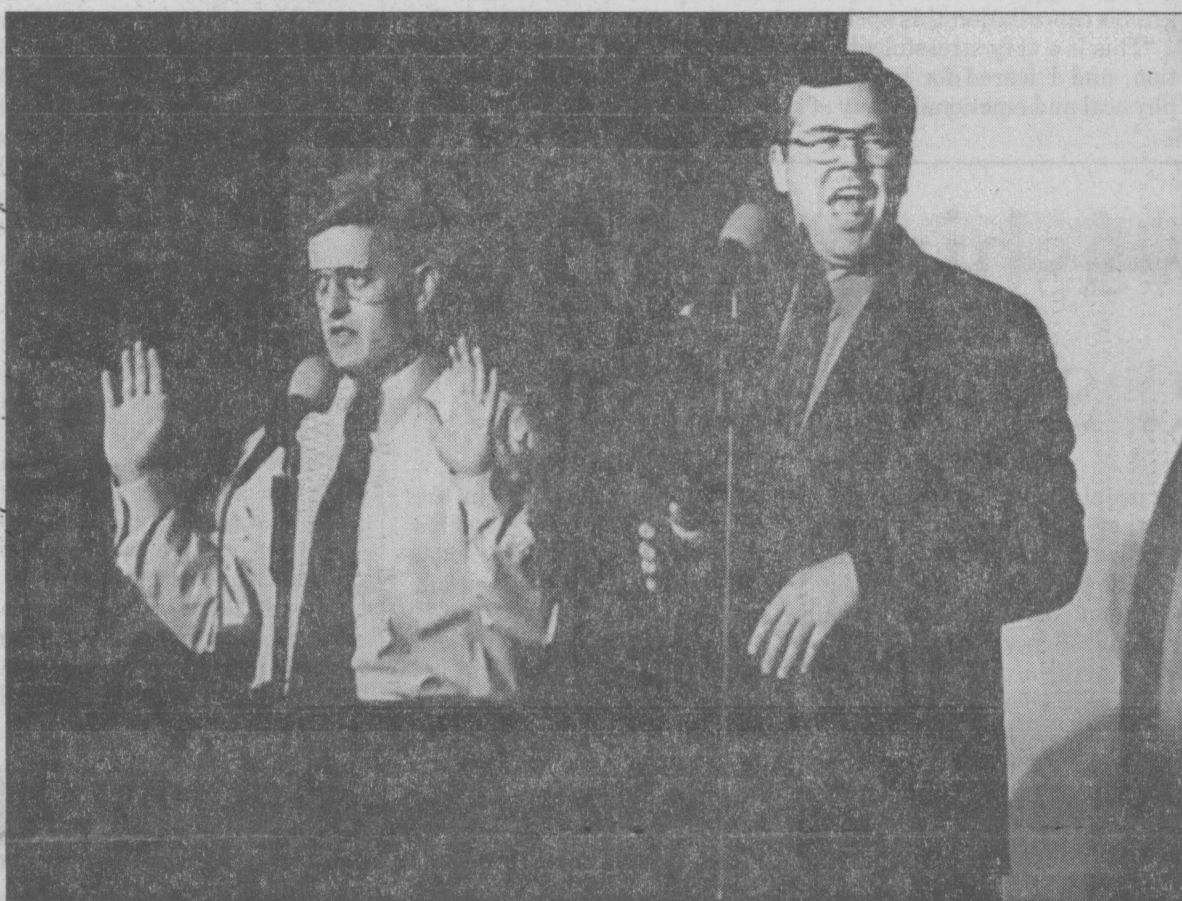
Capitol Steps came to the Keith-Albee Theatre as part of the Marshall Artists Series (MAS). The satirical comedy skits had people laughing about current events and people in politics today.

"It's about politics, and I know nothing about it. I hope to gain some type of insight tonight," Sarah L. Stover, Charleston junior oral communications major, said.

R. Daniel Blankenship, freshman fine arts major of Lavalette, said, "I came to see Capitol Steps because I've heard them on West Virginia public radio and find them very funny."

The show's skits included Texas Gov. George W. Bush, George Bush Sr., Vice President Al Gore, Tipper Gore, Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton and many more.

Gore was wheeled out on a dolly. Both Bushes — Sr. and Jr.



Capitol Steps actors perform their version of "Cat's in the Cradle," as George Bush and son Wednesday at the Keith Albee Theatre as part of the Marshall Artists Series. Top, actors portray President Bill Clinton and his new intern.

— performed together. One of the highlights in the show was a man dressed up as Attorney General Janet Reno. Clinton asked what is the difference between moral and immoral. He answered, "I am." Other country's issues, such as Pakistan and China, were at stake too.

"I like how they have other country's politics involved, not just the United States," said P. Jamison Queen, senior management of information systems major of Huntington.

The actors sang many popular songs that had been changed to poke fun at political

candidates and issues. One such song was a parody of "Cat's in the Cradle" by Harry Chapin in which Bush Jr. said "I wanna be just like you dad" to Bush Sr.

"I like how they took modern

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## Cease-fire declared in Middle East

By MARK LAVIE  
The Associated Press

**JERUSALEM** — Leaders have agreed to a cease-fire in the escalating Israel-Palestinian conflict, Israeli Cabinet minister Shimon Peres said Thursday after meeting Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

An Israeli government announcement said that as a result of understandings reached at the meeting, Israel has frozen retaliatory measures it planned for the killing of three Israeli soldiers in clashes with armed Palestinians on Wednesday.

Interviewed on Israel radio, Peres said he believed the understandings can stop the violence, and "we will have at least a day or two without funerals." Since the conflict erupted Sept. 28, at least 160 people have been killed, most

of them Palestinian, Israel radio reported that the two sides would take agreed steps in the morning. Peres said that at midday, Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak would address their peoples by radio and announce an end to all violence.

There has been no official word from the Palestinians. A Palestinian official who attended the Peres-Arafat meeting did not talk of understandings or agreements. Insisting on anonymity, he said Arafat demanded that Israel accept an international inquiry into the conflict.

The three soldiers were the first to die in combat since Oct. 1. Six Palestinians were also killed, as armed clashes intensified in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The conflict appeared to be

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## 16 new senators elected to SGA

by ELIOT PARKER  
reporter

After a larger than usual voter turnout, the Student Government Association prepares for the induction of 16 new senators.

Election commissioners and advisers spent about 90 minutes on Wednesday evening counting votes for vacant seats in nearly every college.

"We are extremely pleased with the turnout of voters because this is a record for fall elections," said Bill Walker, Student Government Association president.

The elections were in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center. The MSC was the only polling place available because fall elections tend to receive a low voter turnout.

Elected candidates were notified Wednesday by telephone late. An induction ceremony for the new senators is scheduled for Tuesday, said Jessica L. Markley, assistant election commissioner.

Chief Justice John Janusz will swear in the senators, who are required to attend

two training sessions. During the sessions, the constitution and by-laws of SGA will be reviewed and discussed.

"These elections were important because this gets students involved in SGA, and this is the first taste of the democratic process for many students," Walker said.

The Community and Technical College and the Graduate College each had five vacant seats, the most of any college.

Stacy Adkins and Althea O'Donnell were elected to represent the Community and Technical College. Dan Parri and Jeremy Tuttle received the most votes and were elected to represent the Graduate College.

Three of the remaining seats for the Community and Technical College are available. Students who appeared on the ballot under the CTC need to contact the SGA office if interested in one of those seats.

Leah Clay was chosen senator from the College of Fine Arts. Jimmie "Jimbo" Boyd

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## 'Gearing up' for higher college enrollment

by MARTHA SNYDER  
reporter

West Virginia's college-going rate is below the national average. The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) has a plan to change that.

The state has just been awarded \$10.4 million for its five-year GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) program.

"GEAR UP is an initiative to bring together key stakeholders

and resources in a partnership to address the college-going rate in West Virginia," Dr. David Stewart, state superintendent, said.

"The West Virginia GEAR UP initiative will focus on 31 middle and high schools in eight rural counties, connecting those schools with higher education institutions; local, regional and state partners; and interested agencies and groups to bring about substantive improvement in the college-going rate and the college preparedness of students."

The participating counties are Hampshire, Clay, Pocahontas, Roane, Mason, Lincoln, McDowell and Monroe. The money will be used for a variety of things. Half of it will be used for scholarships. The remaining money will be used to administer the program and provide direct services to students.

Many West Virginia students don't prepare for college because they believe it is not an option for them. According to the GEAR UP abstract, one of the reasons for this is that there is a perception that college is only for the best

and the brightest. Limited collaboration between high schools and colleges is also a factor.

According to Dr. Stanley Hopkins, GEAR UP project director for WVDE, the program will focus its attention at the seventh grade level.

"By reaching students early, when they are beginning to make decisions about courses to take in their junior high and high school careers, we will help them build solid academic foundations on which to continue their education at a college or university," he said.

## ALL TWISTED UP



photo by Mike Andrick

Tekin Bicinci, from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus competes in the twister contest Wednesday behind the Memorial Student Center. Bicinci won the event.

## CTE series celebrates teachers' achievements

by MARTHA SNYDER  
reporter

The Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) is celebrating the art of teaching.

The "Celebration of Teaching" is a series that shows the accomplishments of some of Marshall's best teachers. "Prior to the creation of this series, faculty won awards for teaching excellence, but had nothing to show people," Dr. Elaine Baker, coordinator of series, said. "Now the entire campus has access to the talent that previously only students saw."

The Celebration of Teaching series was developed last year as a means for faculty, students and staff to be able to

see expert teachers, who have been recognized for awards, and learn from them in a workshop format.

Today, a panel will come together to discuss "Teaching: Success and Struggles." Dr. Skip Grub, criminal justice professor, Dr. James Hammerstrand, modern languages professor, Dr. David Mills, history professor, and Dr. Alina Zapalska, economics professor, will discuss what methods of teaching work and which ones do not. They will also share personal experiences.

"Three of these teachers are recipients of the Pickens-Queen Teaching Award,"

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## Gore returning to West Virginia

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Al Gore will visit West Virginia Saturday for the second time in eight days.

The Democratic presidential candidate will be flying into the Tri-State Airport in Wayne County for a party rally just three days before the election.

Gore will be discussing issues such as prescription drug benefits, Social Security and education.

Tickets for the rally, which will also feature country music performer Kathy Mattea, are free of charge and can be picked up at the Memorial Student Center.

There is no limit to the number of tickets an individual may receive.

The doors of the rally will open at 9:30 a.m. and entertainment will begin at 10:30 a.m.

## Zemsky set for series speech

by CURTIS JOHNSON  
reporter

After a brief hiatus, the Marshall Celebrity Series is set to roll down the home-stretch as it welcomes the 10th of 12 speakers.

Robert Zemsky, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Research on Higher Education, will be the first speaker since Oct. 24. He speaks at 2 p.m. today in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, vice president of communications, said Zemsky should bring a different aspect to the Celebrity Series than the previous speakers.

"I think he is going to bring

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## Mideast violence cancels program

by KATE NAGENGAST  
The Observer  
University of Notre Dame

(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame's study abroad program in Jerusalem, Israel — renowned for its involvement with both Israeli and Palestinian culture — has been cancelled this spring due to heightened violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Located at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies at Tantur, between Jerusalem and Bethlehem, the program typically accommodated about 15 students from Notre Dame and offered five to six courses per semester at three local institutions: Hebrew University, Bethlehem University and the Ratisbonne Institute.

However, a committee of both students and faculty who have a solid understanding of the current situation in Israel announced its cancellation

*"The tension is so high that even if there wasn't physical violence, it wouldn't be a good place to be."*

Megan Sweeney,  
a senior in the College of Science at U. Notre Dame

Wednesday.

"We keep returning to the dilemma: if we would have to sequester the students in Tantur, our program of wide-ranging access to both cultures and all three religions would be severely curtailed," said Father David Burrell, director of the Jerusalem program, in a letter that described the reasons for the program's cancellation to prospective attendees.

Students who planned to participate in the Jerusalem program were offered two alternatives — participation in another Mediterranean program in Athens, Greece, this spring and inclusion in the applicant pool

for spring 2002 in Jerusalem.

"It's just too unpredictable at this time," said Megan Sweeney, a senior in the College of Science who participated in the Jerusalem program last spring. "The tension is so high that even if there wasn't physical violence, it wouldn't be a good place to be."

Susan Sheridan, on leave from her position as a professor in Notre Dame's anthropology department, has been conducting research in Jerusalem for the past six years and was a strong supporter of the program's cancellation this spring. "This is a very stressful situation, and I feared for both the physical and emotional safety of

the students," Sheridan said. "My concern was that the learning experiences gained by this excellent program would be overwhelmed by the pain, turmoil and, at times, terror that the current situation brings."

"The program is really secondary to what goes on over there in general. It's a shame that the students can't go, but it's a much bigger shame for the people of the country. The emphasis shouldn't be on the Notre Dame students, but the people actually living in Israel and their fears," Sweeney said.

Nathaniel Marx, a 2000 Notre Dame graduate who studied at Tantur during the spring of 1999, said, "Israeli tanks and helicopters (surround) Palestinian towns, ready to bombard civilians who have become frustrated with a peace process that has brought nothing but more settlements, more restrictions on movement, more house demolitions and more humiliation."

## Party animals get nude

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Authorities don't mind the partying — they just want visitors to keep their costumes on at the annual Fantasy Fest. Revelers have gotten so carried away that police issued a reminder that public nudity is illegal. Several dozen people have been arrested during the 10-day street party that culminates with an annual costume parade estimated to attract 80,000 revelers.

## Bertelsmann merger creates Napster fees

by SÉ J. REED  
Daily Forty-Niner  
California State U., Long Beach

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif. — A collective gasp will be heard on college campuses across the nation Wednesday when students hear the news: Their beloved Napster is no more.

And Metallica, the band that filed a high-profile copyright suit against the company, had nothing to do with it.

In fact, Napster — the Internet-based program that allows users to swap music files for free — technically still exists.

But the honeymoon is over.

In a cyberspace-shattering announcement Tuesday, Napster officials announced a partnership with Bertelsmann, the company that owns BMG music, a service that sells music directly to its members.

Their joint plan is to gradually convert Napster from a free service to a fee-based service, according to a Napster spokeswoman who did not want to be named.

At least students will have time to adjust. "No changes will occur without plenty of advance notice," Napster assured its users on its Web site.

Napster's spokeswoman said the two companies have not yet established a timeline for the changes or released any details about the service's future.

Ryan Demesa, a Cal State Long Beach management and information systems junior, said he was not surprised by the

announcement, but is skeptical about whether he will continue to use the service.

"It really depends how much they want me to pay," he said.

If the membership fee is less than the price of a compact disc, he said, he would probably still use Napster.

But, Demesa said, he still thinks he should not have to pay at all and that other file-exchange services, such as Scour.net and Gnutella, will take Napster's place.

After the New York City press conference, Napster officials declined all interview requests. Its public relations companies would only confirm previously released information. Further details will be available as Napster deals with each record company individually, said Napster's spokeswoman.

The partnership is a result of Napster's quest "to find a system that rewards artists for their work when members of our community share their music over the Internet," according to Napster's Web site.

A significant majority of the music industry alleges that that free exchange is copyright infringement.

Metallica, numerous top-record companies and the Recording Industry Association of America are suing Napster, alleging copyright infringement.

## Celebrities rally support for Gore and Democrats

by SHENAZ BAGHA  
Badger Herald  
University of Wisconsin

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Several prominent celebrities visited the University of Wisconsin-Madison on Sunday night to rally on behalf of Vice President Al Gore and the Democratic ticket.

Martin Sheen, star of NBC's "The West Wing," along with actor/director Rob Reiner, Christine Lahti from "Chicago Hope," Alfre Woodard from "St. Elsewhere" and Dule Hill, also from "The West Wing," joined Wisconsin politicians, UW students and Madison community members to rally for the Democratic ticket.

"It is my duty to declare Nov. 7 'Al Gore Day' in the state of Wisconsin," said Sheen, who plays fictional president Jed Bartlett on "The West Wing."

In addition to campaigning for Gore, members of the Democratic Party, including state Senate Majority Leader Chuck Chvala, D-Madison, also rallied in support of district attorney candidate Brian Blanchard and the re-election of Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The five celebrities were in Madison as the last stop on a two-day, seven-city tour to drum up support for the Democratic Party.

Abortion and the Supreme Court were central themes for the five speakers.

"(George Bush) is anti-choice," Lahti said. "And if elected, he will be appointing up to five Supreme Court justices who will actively seek to end women's reproductive freedom."

Hill spoke on the responsibility of each student to get out and vote, and the importance a single vote could have in this year's election.

"Each student has a responsibility to vote," Hill said. "The future is ours, so we need to take responsibility for it. As young people, we have the power."

The rally drew more than 450 UW students and Madison community members to the Humanities building.

"Why would we want to go back and support the party and the administration that put us in the hole in the first place?" Sheen asked. "It's time to start bragging about Mr. Gore and Mr. Clinton."

## Hand-washing habits lacking, study reports

by SATOKO HASEGAWA  
The Daily Aztec  
San Diego State University

(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO — It's not unusual to see people who do not wash their hands after using a public restroom.

But who actually admits to this?

This fall, the American Society for Microbiology researched how many people would tell the truth about their handwashing habits and they, too, found it was hard to get people to fess up.

They concluded that Americans do not wash their hands as much as they claim they do.

Between Sept. 1 and Sept. 4, a phone survey was performed on 1,021 residents across the nation, and 95 percent of the respondents told surveyors that they always wash their hands after using a public restroom.

However, the research team found this to be untrue.

The team's observers sneaked into public restrooms in five different cities to see if

people really practice sanitary cleanliness: Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco, Atlanta and New York City.

Out of 7,836 individuals, only 58 percent of men and 75 percent of women actually washed their hands.

The study discovered a huge percentage gap between self-reported and actual handwashing behavior, suggesting that one-third of the respondents lied.

"People should have a habit of washing their hands at least 15 seconds after using a bathroom," said Dr. Gregg Lichtenstein, medical director at Student Health Services on campus.

Lichtenstein said people can get sick from not washing their hands.

"The most serious disease that people may get is a food-borne illness," Lichtenstein said. "There are viruses like Hepatitis A as well that can be contained in food. Another type of infection is some forms of diarrhea illnesses."

The Daily Aztec conducted an unofficial study of its own.

During five minutes in the East Commons women's restroom Tuesday afternoon, only one out of 11 women did not wash her hands.

In the East Commons men's restroom, one man out of seven did not wash his hands.

Kinesiology senior Jennifer Arquero said she tries to not touch public restroom doors and faucets because she has seen people skip the handwashing process. So, she said she uses paper towels to avoid direct contact.

According to the handwashing behavior study, New York was the worst of all the surveyed cities: 51 percent of 2,283 people did not wash their hands. The cleanest was Chicago where 17 percent of 2,597 did not wash their hands.

To see the results of the American Society for Microbiology handwashing survey, go to [www.washup.org](http://www.washup.org).

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spiraling out of control. Denouncing what he called "grave escalation initiated by the Palestinian Authority," Barak convened a special session of his Cabinet and "decided on a number of appropriate steps," a statement said. But the Peres-Arafat meeting led to the decision to hold the fire, at least for now. Barak's office said the meeting resulted in "agreement on a series of steps designed to renew security cooperation and an end to violence and incitement."

If there is no shooting for two days, then Israel will discuss lifting the blockade of Palestinian territories and allowing Palestinian workers to return to their jobs in Israel, Peres said. Each side blames the other for the violence. Israel says its forces have responded with restraint to Palestinian attacks. The Palestinians charge that Israel has used excessive force in putting down demonstrations.

Peres traveled to Gaza for the meeting in Arafat's office. It was the first high-level face-to-face contact between the two sides since Palestinian rioting erupted Sept. 28. Peres said he discussed implementation of the cease-fire understandings reached at an Oct. 16-17 summit at Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, with President Clinton. Peres told Israel radio both sides understood the conflict was nearing the point where "all of us would lose control."

The Israeli decision appeared to douse the fuse of the conflict. After a month of riots punctuated by exchanges of gunfire, the emphasis suddenly reversed Wednesday, when intense fire-fights erupted in many parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Three Palestinians were killed in a battle at the Karni crossing point in Gaza. In 35 days of clashes, at least 160 people have been killed, most of them Palestinians. On Monday, Israeli helicopters rocketed Palestinian militia headquarters in four cities in the West Bank and Gaza, retaliation for the killing of two Israeli civilians. On Oct. 12, Israeli helicopters struck

Palestinian police and security headquarters after two Israeli reserve soldiers were brutally killed when they entered Ramallah by mistake. The only other soldier killed in combat in this conflict was a paramilitary border policeman who was wounded in a clash Oct. 1 at a Jewish holy site in the West Bank city of Nablus. He bled to death before he could be removed for treatment. Before the Israeli decision to hold up its military action, there were indications about targets for retaliation. Israel radio's Arabic-language broadcasts warned Palestinians in two neighborhoods in Hebron and in Beitunia, a village near Ramallah, to leave their homes. Local TV stations in Bethlehem and Hebron reported they had received Israeli warnings to workers to leave the stations. Some went off the air. After meeting U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Washington, Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami said the conflict is not a civilian uprising but a "mini-war," but added Israel wants to "open channels" with the Palestinians.

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day songs and replaced words with political words," Tracy N. Adkins, Barboursville junior music education major, said. "It is really funny, and I like how they make fun of politics, Gore and Bush."

An actor playing Regis Philbin made an appearance and hosted a game of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire Candidate?" with

Bush Jr. who asked to buy a vowel. "I like it because it is saying what everybody is thinking about the candidates," Marc A. Ross, Proctorville sophomore political science major, said. Capitol Steps was sponsored by the MAS, WOWK-TV, 100KEE-FM, WTCR-FM and WAMX-FM. The final fall MAS event is Kenny Rogers' "Christmas from the Heart," which is scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Huntington Civic Arena.

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the research aspect," Spears said. "We've heard a lot of advice so far. This guy I think can give you the nuts and bolts of how to do these things."

Market taxonomy is the latest subject Zemsky researched. In 1996, his institute became an important component of the



Zemsky

National Center for Postsecondary Improvement. The taxonomy is geared towards researching the popularity, cost and nature of college. Spears said this study also works to determine the worth of a higher education to students after graduation. "We have something called grades that tell you how well you did in class," Spears said. "We don't tell you 'By the way, based upon this you're going to do this well out here.' That remains to be seen. This guy has developed some of those standards."

Election

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represents the West Virginia Board of Regents. Both schools had the smallest number of candidates running for the vacant senate seats. The College of Business and the College of Education had seven candidates run for SGA. Matt Mooney was chosen for the College of Business and Robert McCloud and Casey Orem are the senators from the College of Education. McCloud and Orem received 23 and 19 votes, respectively. The College of Science as well as the College of Liberal Arts featured many candidates. Sara Lee led the entire election with 31 votes and Donnie Robinson received 17. Five votes were the difference in the election for the College of Liberal Arts., with Charisma Shields and Joseph Searls winning. Walker said he is excited about working with the incoming senators and about SGA's involvement with students. "Students are starting to get involved, and we are committed to bring activities to them and to get them involved with SGA as a whole," he said.

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Baker said. "This award is given to three junior faculty each year for their outstanding contributions to teaching." Zapalska was awarded the Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award. This award is based on teaching and it also recognizes outstanding research productivity. The discussion will be in the Shawkey room of the Memorial Student Center from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. today. It is open to all students, faculty and staff and there is no charge for admission.

Correction

In the story head-lined "Faculty members disagree about proposed classes" in Friday's issue of The Parthenon, there was incorrect information about a vote. The Faculty Senate voted 19-18 against tabling a proposal for new classes. A second vote resulted in passage of the recommendation for adding new dietetics classes.

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## OUR view

### New senators must meet challenges of their posts

Congratulations to the 16 senators who were elected Tuesday to seats in the Student Government Association.

Now, the hard part begins.

Your fellow students voted for you so that you would work for them.

How do you plan to meet that challenge? We have a few ideas.

Our first suggestion is to actually attend the SGA meetings. The SGA has had several problems in the past with senators who seldom showed up. The result? SGA kicked them out and found other students who would attend meetings.

Our second suggestion is to talk with others in your respective colleges and find out what improvements they would like to see.

Our third suggestion is to not be afraid to speak out, either against the university or against SGA. If you think something should be changed, take the initiative to make the change happen.

Finally, don't be afraid of criticism. In the public arena, it's all part of the job.

Good luck.

## HER view

### Graduation is 39 days away? Yikes!

I really didn't think it would hit me this hard.

This is my final semester at Marshall. Yep, after four-and-a-half years, I'm graduating Dec. 12.

Almost everyone at The Parthenon is leafing through the spring 2001 schedule of courses, and all I can do is watch.

Since issue No. 1, I've been counting the number left (10 remain). Now, I'm starting to wish the number would reverse and increase.

I suppose when I began as a freshman in the fall of 1996, graduation seemed light-years away.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels this way. There are dedicated art majors and criminal justice majors who are



**ANDREA COPLEY**  
editor

here on campus as late as we are every night.

Oftentimes, I get so caught up in the stresses of working for The Parthenon that I overlook the big picture.

College won't last forever. Slow down, take a look around and enjoy it while you can.

Andrea Copley is editor of The Parthenon. Comments and tissues may be sent to her in 311 Smith Hall.

James Harris' IN THE CREW

### THE DEVIL'S TAKE ON DIVERSITY



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### Did you know?

■ During this presidential Election year, what has the Internet auction site eBay had to ban from being sold?

A. Copies of Al Gore's old love letters to his wife.  
B. Copies of George W. Bush's old high school report cards.  
C. Votes.

D. A video game that simulates electoral college voting methods.

Answer: C. It's a federal offense to sell votes.  
Source: Washington Post

■ Nevada state law bans anyone classified as an idiot from voting.

Source: W.Va. Secretary of State's office

## Game shows aren't what they used to be

Once upon a time, when I was just a wee lad, I'd be so excited when I got sick because I'd get to stay home from school and watch game shows on TV.

Now that I'm a college student, and virtually every day is a sick day, I've noticed that today's game shows can't even compare to the quality of those I once watched while sipping orange juice and chicken soup.

For example, "Hollywood Squares" used to be a potpourri of the witty banter of celebrities, with the added climax of selecting the right key to win a car.

Now its "Hollywood Squares," starring Whoopi Goldberg, where we painfully watch Whoopi recite scripted jokes, and converse with

**KIMBERLY MAGUIRE**

guest columnist

stars of the WB network.

And what about "To Tell The Truth?" I can remember watching black and white reruns, trying to figure out who was the real Dr. Peter Johnson from Wichita Falls, Texas.

The remake of this show stars the one and only Dave Coulier, of "Full House" fame. Here's a word of advice for all you aspiring television producers out there: If you want to have a crappy show with poor ratings, hire Dave Coulier.

Then there's the prime-time blockbuster "Who Wants To Be A

Millionaire?" starring Regis Philbin. Sure Regis is a nice guy, but this show is nothing more than an hour-long commercial for his line of monochromatic men's wear.

The fact that Rosie O'Donnell loves it is enough for me to stay away.

It's plain to see that the number of quality game shows is depleting, but there are exceptions.

You can catch reruns of "Supermarket Sweep" every day on the Lifetime network. Never before and never since has there been a game show that combines stamina, smarts and shopping skills.

And there is of course, the granddaddy of all game shows, "The Price Is Right." Not only is this show thoroughly entertain-

ing, but it teaches us important life lessons. Host Bob Barker always reminds us to help control the pet population by spaying and neutering our pets. In addition, Bob himself is a lesson. He's living proof that you're never too old to make it with hot young chicks.

Although there are a few exceptions, it's plain to see that the game shows of the new millennium just can't deliver like their predecessors.

I believe the downfall began when Nickelodeon's "Double Dare" sold out and became "Family Double Dare."

My boob tube just hasn't been the same since.

Kimberly Maguire is a senior from Long Island, N.Y.

## HIS view

### Abandon the status quo and vote Ralph Nader for president

Election Day 2000 is less than one week away, and they wonder why our generation doesn't vote.

But who would you choose?

A man most Americans admit isn't really intelligent enough for the job? Who smiles with glee as he tells of two men about to be put to death? Whose state has the highest air pollution rates in the country?

How about a man who, despite his campaign promises, continues to confer most favored nation trading status on a regime guilty of thousands of human rights abuses? A man clearly lacking the charisma and integrity that are very crucial job requirements? Choose between two who are both from a family dynasty of Washington powerbrokers and members of the richest 1 percent of our society?

Who are beholden to the mega-corporations that finance their campaigns?

Of course not.

And to vote for either, even as "the lesser of two evils" is a crime of conscience.

Vote instead for Ralph Nader.

In a state long subjugated by polluting industries and bedded with corrupt politicians, the

**JAMES KREINER**

guest columnist

answer is clear.

Only one candidate refuses to ignore our generation.

One is dedicated to protecting the environment.

One is committed to protecting consumers.

One man has condemned the death penalty as racist, and seeks civil rights for all regardless of race, gender and sexuality.

That man is Ralph Nader.

Sure, there are those who say a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush, but I would rather vote my hopes than my fears.

Others say a Nader vote is a wasted vote. The only wasted vote is one not cast.

This Tuesday, show Washington we are not a sleeping generation, but one repulsed by the status quo. They will listen.

This Tuesday vote for Ralph Nader.

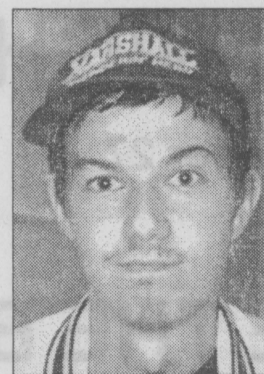
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## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

### At Issue

Do you think there are enough school-sponsored activities on campus to keep students involved?



"Well, they've done a better job recently of coming up with more concerts. We're doing a lot better as far as bringing in Little Richard and stuff like that for the Marshall Artists Series, as well as bringing in more bands than we have previously in the past. But still, we could use a lot of improvement."

— Chris Haynes, sports marketing senior from Huntington



"If there are, I've never heard of them. I think they're out there, they're just not published enough. I've never heard of them, and when I do, they sound kinda cheesy."

— Chris Mullens, counseling/theater junior from Greenbrier County



"I'd say that there is. There should be a lot of stuff at Marshall. Opportunities are always out there, students should just go out there and reach for them. All the activities available and everything is publicized very well. We as students just have to make time for it."

— Terri Blankenship, cytotecology junior from Beckley

— compiled by Elizabeth Lee and Daniel Caldwell

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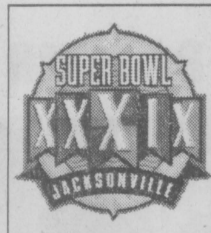
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## Super Bowl sites named

Two of the NFL's newer venues will play host to the biggest football game of the year. NFL owners awarded the 2004 Super Bowl to Houston, home of the Texans, who will begin play in 2002. Jacksonville, whose Jaguars entered the league in 1995, will host the game in 2005. The game moved to Detroit for 2006.



# High expectations set for basketball

by **MICHAEL S. ADAMS**  
reporter

As basketball seasons begins, teams in the Mid-American Conference are already looking at the Thundering Herd as the No. 1 target.

And the Thundering Herd knows it.

"It's a great honor," junior forward Tamar Slay said. "We really can't get into that because those were preseason selections. I know teams are going to be shooting for us, but I think if we continue to go out and practice things will be good for us."

Junior forward J.R. Van Hoose agrees.

"It is exciting, but at the same time we have a big target on our back," Van Hoose said. "We have to learn that every day will be a war for us, and we have to step up and we can't take anybody lightly."

For the first time in many years, the expectations are high for the Marshall basketball program.

The Thundering Herd has been selected by ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale, The Sporting News and Athlon Sports magazines to finish first in the MAC East Division.

Vitale went as far as saying Marshall will be the team from the MAC in the NCAA Tournament. The Thundering Herd hasn't made the NCAA Tournament since 1987. The MAC Media Association also selected Marshall as its preseason favorite.

But Coach Greg White said he is cautiously optimistic about this season.

"We are looking forward to getting started," White said.

"But championships are won on the court."

The Mid-American Conference was ranked by Vitale as the seventh most competitive conference in the nation. Last season, 9-of-13 teams had winning percentages of .500 or better.

All seven games in the MAC Tournament were determined by an average 3-point margin of victory. The semifinal game between Marshall and Miami saw the biggest margin with the Redhawks winning by six.

"Those that have followed Marshall basketball for years know we have been in the MAC 25 years and we have won one MAC Championship," White said. "That tells you the quality of basketball played in the MAC."

At Wednesday's Basketball Media Day, White introduced his starting lineup, which includes preseason All-MAC players Van Hoose and Slay

and seniors Cornelius Jackson and Travis Young. He said he still hasn't found a starter to replace William Butler who was lost for the season after injuring his knee Oct. 19 during Thursday Night Thunder.

"We can go small and we can go big," White said. "We still have a couple of weeks to determine that."

Slay was picked by the MAC Media Association as the preseason Player-of-the-Year.

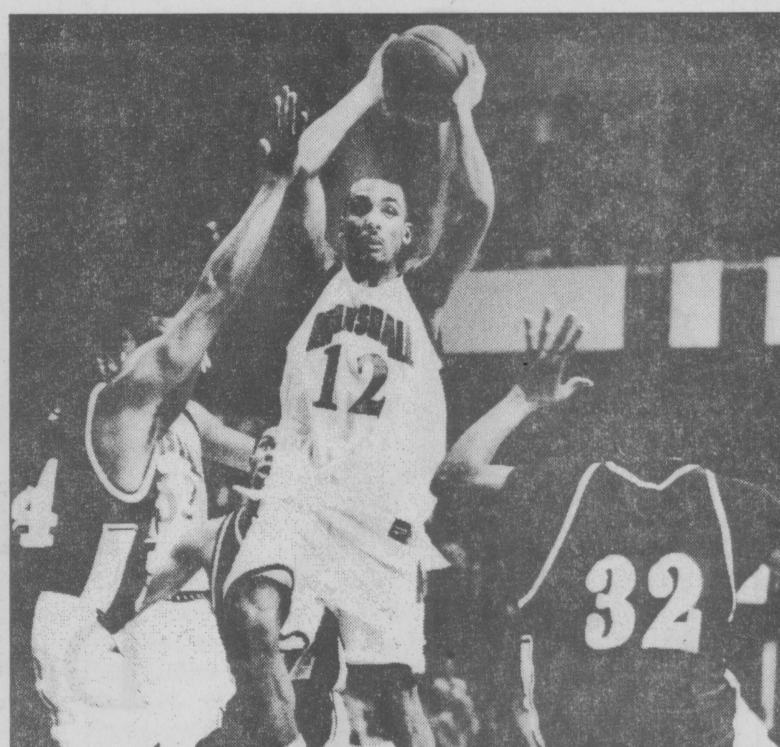
Slay said Van Hoose and he are going to be big targets for opponents, but says he thinks other players will step up.

"I know once I drive low or come off a pick, guys will be gunning for me," Slay said. "Travis Young has been working hard since the season was over, and he is going to surprise a lot of people this year."

"If they double team me, Travis Young is going to have a big year."



Slay



file photo

The Thundering Herd men's basketball team was picked as the preseason favorite to win the Mid-American Conference.

## Tennis team ready for weekend tournament

by **WILLIAM FREANEY**  
reporter

The women's tennis team will attempt to improve on its overall ranking for the spring season Saturday when it travels to Williamsburg, Va., for the East Regional Tournament.

Junior Anna Mitina and senior Anna Ceretto will represent the Thundering Herd in singles competition.

In doubles competition, Mitina and Ceretto will team up along with freshman Alice Sukner and senior Sheela Cabiling. Sukner will be the alternate in singles.

"I think we are ready to play," Coach Laurie Mercer said. "We have played in several tournaments the last few weeks. We just got back from Vanderbilt, which had a lot of good teams, and we won about 50 percent of our matches. Playing matches each day has helped prepare us."

The East Regional will feature 91 schools. The top 80 singles players along with the top 64 doubles teams in the region will play.

Among the teams participating are William and Mary, the University of Virginia, Princeton, Harvard and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Playing against stellar competition is nothing new to Mitina, who finished last season ranked No. 11 in the region.

"I think this tournament will be tough because the best players in the region will be there," Mitina said. "I think we are prepared for it. We have had a good week of practice."

The team is coming off a trip to the June Stewart Invitational last weekend in Nashville, Tenn. The tournament was sponsored by Vanderbilt University.

Cabiling won the Flight Four consolation bracket. Freshman Meghan Skalsky won the Flight Five consolation bracket and Mitina placed seventh in the Flight One singles competition.

In doubles competition, Mitina and Ceretto won the Flight One consolation bracket. Cabiling and Sukner finished seventh in the Flight Two consolation bracket.

The upcoming tournament is the last of the fall season, which is based on individual results. These results will determine team rankings, both nationally and regionally, for the spring season. The spring season begins Jan. 17.



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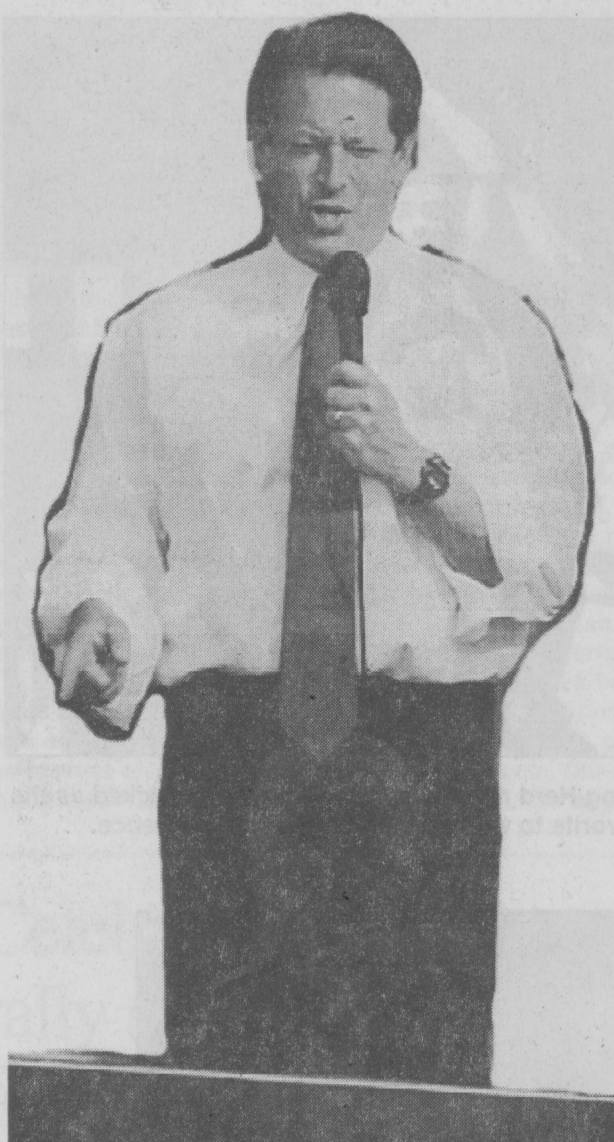


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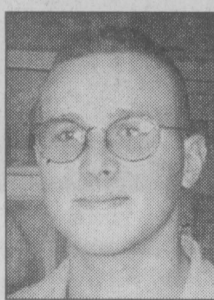


## Democrat, Republican, Libertarian: What's the big difference, anyway?

by ELIOT PARKER

### THE STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

*"I'm not sure who to vote for really because, I mean there's just so much stuff that comes up with each candidate that I'll probably just look for someone other than Bush or Gore to vote for."*



— Jeff Price,  
sophomore graphic design major from Barboursville



*"I'm voting for Gore. He's better for women, Bush never mentions women; he's better for teachers, he's better for teacher*

*pay, he's more for recognizing teachers for the professionals that they are rather than making them responsible for every aspect of children's lives."*

— Michelle Kessler,  
senior English education major from Fayetteville

*"Probably, Bush. I prefer his ideas more than Gore. I've watched the presidential debates and he seems to be a little bit more what I stand for."*



— Beth Lewis,  
senior counseling major from Huntington



*"Right now, I'm currently undecided, because I feel that neither one of them are qualified for the job at this point, and neither one of them have impressed me."*

— Jeff Pullin,  
junior journalism major from Point Pleasant

The year 2000 promises to have one of the most politically exciting elections in recent years.

With the extensive media coverage, personal appearances and speeches, not to mention political advertisements, many students may be confused as to what the issues really are and where the candidates stand on them.

The candidates have spent many hours and thousands of dollars voicing their opinions on issues that affect Americans today. They have reminded voters that they represent the philosophies of their respective political parties.

With so many perspectives on issues that concern many people in the United States, understanding and relating a candidate's viewpoint with the ideologies of a political party can be a difficult task.

Many voters wonder what the differences are between political parties. Some have been in existence longer than others, and they have all evolved over the course of American history.

Trying to affiliate a candidate with a political party can be an even more difficult task.

The United States has traditionally been dominated by two political parties: the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. However, over the past 30 years, new political parties have been established to give voters a different voice in the political world.

The oldest party in the United States, the Democratic Party, was founded in 1792. The founder of the party, Thomas Jefferson, wanted to create a political party that was going to fight for the Bill of Rights and against the elitist Federalist Party.

The Democratic Party was once called the "party of the common man," but it was changed to the Democratic-Republican Party in 1800. That year, Thomas Jefferson was elected the first Democratic president of the United States.

Jefferson served two terms from 1800 to 1808. He was succeeded by James Madison.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of America's most revered presidents, was a Democrat. His leadership pulled America out of the Great Depression during the early 1930s and created the belief that government could help America during a time of need.

Social Security was one of the most popular programs established by Roosevelt, and the future of the program is an important issue on the agenda of all politicians this election year.

Democrats believe in uniting the divisions

that exist in the United States concerning race, religion and sexual orientation. The party values opportunity as well as strength and inclusion for all citizens in America.

In West Virginia, Congressman Bob Wise is the Democratic candidate for governor. Vice President Al Gore is the Democratic candidate running for president.

The other main political party is the Republican Party, and their philosophies on the role of government are different from those of the Democrats.

The Republican Party evolved during the 1850s when the issue of slavery forced divisions within the existing Whig and Democratic-Republican parties. At this time, the Republicans broke away from the Democrats and established their own party.

Alan Earl Bovay, one of the party's founders, believed a new party should be formed that was dedicated to states' rights and a restricted role of government in economic and social life.

Today, the Republican Party remains dedicated to reducing the size of government and returning power to the individual states.

Nov. 8, 1994 was a critical day for the Republican Party. After 40 years of a Democratic Congress, Americans voted to a majority of Republicans to both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush is running for president as the candidate for the Republican Party. Republican Gov. Cecil H. Underwood is seeking another term as governor in West Virginia.

Shelly Moore Capito is running against Democrat Jim Humphreys for the seat in the House of Representatives vacated by gubernatorial candidate Wise.

While Republicans and Democrats focus on specific government policies and issues, some political parties have shifted their message to voters about the role of the individual in society.

The Libertarian Party, created in 1971, believes that individuals and independence

are the most important aspects of government.

The Libertarians' main focus is reducing class sizes and the intrusiveness of government. Cutting taxes and freeing taxpayers of the responsibility to help defend wealthy



photo by Arron Pendleton

An entourage of political and Hollywood celebrities accompanied Al Gore on his recent visit to Charleston.

countries like Germany and Japan are other important philosophies.

Libertarians also focus on a logical, consistent approach to government based on the moral principle of self-ownership. They believe Americans have the right to control their own speech, action and property and the responsibility of government is to protect citizens from force and fraud.

Harry Browne is running for president of the United States representing the Libertarian Party.

In 1992, a Texas billionaire named Ross Perot spent \$60 million of his own money to run for president of the United States as an independent.

Following the election, Perot set out to create the Reform Party. Perot ran for president once again in 1996 and obtained 8.5 percent of the vote, despite being unable to participate in televised presidential debates.

The philosophy of this party is to break the connection between special interest groups and politicians.

The Reform Party also believes that correcting problems with campaign finance reform and involving more citizens in government is important for politics in America.

In 1998, Jesse Ventura ran for governor of Minnesota on the Reform Party ticket. Ventura won the election and brought the Reform Party a more prominent place in American politics.

Pat Buchanan, former host of the political talk show "Crossfire" on CNN, is representing the Reform Party.

With Election Day 2000 only a few days away, the candidates stay busy trying to persuade voters. Take the time to consider the philosophies and past accomplishments of all political parties, and their different ideals for America, before you cast your vote Tuesday.

Information for this article was gathered from sources provided by the political parties mentioned.



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Local supporters gather at a Bush-Cheney rally earlier this fall.